



Urban Ecology Internships

Work and Learn in a National Park

The Greater Washington National Parks preserve, protect and manage significant natural and cultural resources. The 14 national parks are a diverse collection of suburban and natural areas in the states of Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Working in one of our units offer the unique opportunity to learn about issues in urban ecology.

Internships

Internships are available for graduate, undergraduate, and qualified high school students (in their senior year and with own transportation). These internships are an excellent way to learn new skills and consider a career with the National Park Service while gaining valuable experience and new insights. These internships are appropriate to students interested in many fields including science, natural resource management, science communication and writing, data management, and social sciences.

Dates and Duration

Internships begin in May-June and last through September. Dates are flexible, with a minimum commitment of six weeks and maximum of 10 weeks. Part-time appointments are available depending on tasks. Some positions may require working on weekends. Park housing is available for some positions.

Stipend

Interns are paid a stipend of \$250 per week.



2008 Intern H. Becker (right) assisting with urban wildlife management tasks in the Lincoln Reflecting Pool, Washington, D.C.

Duties and Responsibilities

Internships are flexible in nature and offer broad experiences related to natural resource management such as curation, monitoring, research, and public outreach.

Examples of assigned duties may include:

- mapping and obtaining field GPS locations of resources,
- developing media information,
- conducting resource inventories and surveys,
- inputting data into a computer,
- working as field assistants on research projects,
- assisting managers with day-to-day tasks, and
- assisting with control of exotic invasive plants.

How to Apply

Positions descriptions and application materials are available at the Center for Urban Ecology website:

<http://www.nps.gov/cue/uerla/index.htm>

or can be requested from:

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Applications are due on April 15, 2009.